

"We are now ready to consider what has been discovered about the origin and history of the dam. Notwithstanding all that has been written about this little flea-bitten gray mare, I do not remember that any one has attempted to give a single item in her history that might lead to the tracing and determining of her origin. From information that comes to me from sources that are direct and reliable, there were two brothers, Rufus and Horace Rising, engaged in the manufacture of wooden bowls and other wooden ware at Ticonderoga, New York. Rufus also devoted a good portion of his time to the mercantile part of the business, and traveled extensively, making sales in the district within, say, forty miles, embracing a section along the western base of the Green Mountains in Vermont.

On one of these trips, he brought home with him the little gray mare that afterwards became famous as the dam of Ethan Allen. Mr. Rising has been dead some years, and it is not now known where he got this mare, but there is a tradition that he got her in Vermont; and as she probably came from the region where the Freeman Messenger had been standing for a number of years, the theory that she was by that horse took its rise from that supposed circumstance. Whether Mr. Rising traded his wares, or another horse, for the mare is not now known.

Mr. Rising, after some time, sold the mare to George Johnson of Hague, and he to Warner Cook of the same place. Upon the death of Mr. Cook, the mare passed into the hands of Mr. William H. Cook, then and now of Ticonderoga, New York. Mr. Cook bred her to young Sir Charles, known as the Burge Horse, and she produced a fine bay horse about sixteen hands high. He was taken into Canada and trotted in a hundred-mile race and won; but whether against time or another horse we are not informed. This young Sir Charles was a wonderful long-distance horse himself. She was bred again to the same horse and produced a bay filly that got her foot hurt and was put to breeding. Mr. Cook then sold her to George Wood of Ticonderoga, and Wood sold her in the winter or spring of 1845 to Joel W. Holcomb, and that spring he sent her to be bred to Black Hawk. She produced:

- 1843, b. c., (that trotted 100 miles) by young Sir Charles.
- 1844, b. c., (put to breeding) by young Sir Charles.
- 1846, bl. m., Black Hawk Maid, by Vermont Black Hawk.
- 1847, gr. e., Red Leg, by Vermont Black Hawk.
- 1848, ch. f., (fast, died at three years old) by Wicker's Sir Walter.
- 1849, b. c., Ethan Allen, by Vermont Black Hawk.
- 1850, mare died in foal to Black Hawk."

That one hundred mile race was probably a fraud. Mr. Wallace states it unqualifiedly, although he does not know when it took place, nor where, nor how; but it does help to show where Ethan got his mare, although he was by a Morgan horse. If it could be substantiated it would be another feather in the cap of the little gray mare and a further credit to the Diomed blood through Young Sir Charles; but it appears to be at best an attempt to make history out of stable talk.

The suggestion of the Freeman Messenger is the first seed of another and far greater fraud; one that Mr. Wallace has fostered and allowed to take root in his magazine where this pedigree has since been stated in a leading article and without qualification. From this source a suggestion so baseless has spread in the guise of an ascertained fact through catalogues and periodicals throughout the country, and has been rapidly ripening, according to the apparent intent of its author, into an established pedigree.

To one unfamiliar with the jugglery whereby Mr. Wallace causes a Messenger pedigree to spring up and bear fruit as it were in a single night, it might be of interest to recur to this case, and "ab uno disce omnes." Note how light a feather, dextrously thrown, turns the scale. He says "It is not now known where he (Rising) got this mare; but there is a tradition that he got her in Vermont; and as she probably came from the region where the Freeman Messenger had been standing for a number of years, the theory that she was by that horse took its rise from that supposed circumstance." You see at once that nothing whatever is here stated. The sentence is suggestive of nothing so much as of Thad. Stevens' reply to the member who asked him concerning one who was making a very long proxy speech. "What does he want?" "He wants brains." Yet this "theory" that arose from the "supposed circumstance," that there was a "tradition" that this mare "probably came" from a "region" (a whole State) in which the Freeman Horse once stood, is the only ground upon which rests the absolute and unqualified statement that the dam of Ethan Allen was by the Freeman Messenger that appears in the magazine of John H. Wallace, himself the author and finisher of the fraud, and who yet claims to be in these matters ultimate authority.

Mr. Allen W. Thomson of Woodstock tells us that Wallace's statement of the colts of the little gray mare is not correct. It is certainly not complete, as will hereafter appear.

I found Mr. Arthur, a tall quiet man with an earnest and kindly disposed eye and large amount of brains; his age something over 60.

He told me at once, and the manner with which he told it carried conviction to my mind of its substantial accuracy, at least so far as this, that the mare grew up at Hague, that the dam of Ethan was brought into Hague

either as a foal by the side of her dam or in her dam as early as 1823 by a man that lived at Hague; that she passed from this man to Mr. Rising and from him to Mr. Warner Cook and Wm. H. Cook, from him through several hands to Joel Holcomb, who bred from her Ethan Allen and several other colts. The name of Gershom Densmore was finally given to me as the man who brought this mare into Hague.

To verify this statement given by Mr. Arthur, in company with a friend I started towards the last of September for Tl.

Our first stop was in the town of Cornwall at Mr. Rollin A. Foot's, who gave us the following information of Black Hawk stallions bred or owned by his father, Abram Foot, and himself and others.

The first was bought by his father of Abraham Skiff of Middlebury for Ezra Foot and Mr. Farnham of Lockport, N. Y. This was a black horse of about 15 hands and 1000 pounds. They kept him at Lockport two or three years, when the barn was struck by lightning and he was burned.

Then they bought of Abram Foot Black Hawk, Jr., bl. h. 15 hands, 1000 pounds, very fine figure, foaled 1847, bred by Abraham F. Abernethy of Cornwall; dam a little bay mare, well along in years, very sharp stepper, think they called her a Henry. Abernethy bought her of Somers Foot, Weybridge. (Mr. Linsley says this mare was called the Howard mare and sired by a colt of Hambletonian. Mr. Chester Pratt says she was a smooth-turned, handsome bay mare about 900 pounds, bred by Allen Howard of Addison). Abram Foot kept this horse two or three years at Cornwall and quite a number of colts were raised from him. He sold him for \$1500. Abram Abernethy bred another from same mare one or two years younger, which he took West at 4 years old. He was a black horse about 15 hands, 1000 pounds, but more chunked than one last described and not so stylish. He also sired some colts in Cornwall.

The next horse was Prince, a black horse 16 hands, over 1200 pounds. Abram Foot and Victor Wright bought him at three years old of Mr. McKenney of Bridport, who bred him. They kept him two or three years at Cornwall and sold him to parties, he thinks, in Missouri for \$3000. (Linsley states that the dam of this horse was by Young Sir Walter, sire of Moscow, and he by Sir Walter.) He also got a good many colts at Cornwall.

The Foot Horse was a dapple horse with 4 white feet and star; dam by Morgan Tiger, owned by Sol. Howe, Bridport. Morgan Tiger was a son of Sherman Morgan. The Foot Horse was bred by Charles Benedict, Cornwall, foaled about 1854, bought at 3 years old by Abram Foot and always kept at the Foot place, Cornwall, where he died in 1878. R. A. Foot bought him when 14 years old of his father. Abram Foot had a filly from Black Hawk and from her he bred to Prince a large black stallion colt, which R. J. Jones took to California at two or three years old. Jared A. Foot, Cornwall, had a black, good-sized stallion from Prince which he sold West.

The sluggish Lemon Fair comes near to Mr. Foot's horse. We crossed this by a covered bridge and came to Mr. Lyman H. Paine's residence, also in Cornwall. He is the owner of Gen. Allen, black stallion 15-3, 1100 pounds and perhaps the best son of DeLong's Ethan Allen. Gen. Allen's dam is a magnificent black mare by Hammond's Black Hawk, son of Vermont Black Hawk. Her dam was by Black Lion, Hammond's Black Hawk was a large black horse weighing 1200 lbs., and quite a successful trotter at local fairs. His dam by a son of Morgan Tally Ho.

The dam of Black Lion was by Liberty, whose breeding is unknown. Gen. Allen is a horse of great style and substance; also much beauty. He has the bearing of the old Vermont Morgans. Mr. Paine said that he showed better than 2:40 when four year old. Upon a stock farm this horse would have a right to be a great sire. His dam was bred this year to Lambert.

Reaching Bridport that day we went north two miles to see a two-year-old filly by Gen. Allen. This filly pleased us so much that we bought her for a brood mare. The road from Bridport passed by the old Black Hawk farm, now owned and used as a summer home by a son of David Hill. A g. g. son of Black Hawk, Harvester, by Daniel Lambert, is kept now on this farm. Continuing south we came to Shoreham village and here stopped for the night. The evening was most pleasantly spent in a visit from Mr. Elmer Barnum and Dr. Pratt, both of Shoreham. Mr. Barnum is a man of very accurate observation and memory; has a great fund of valuable information about horses of this region. He said that there were two Hemenway horses, both by Black Hawk and probably full brothers. The one best known was bay; the other was black, only got six or eight colts and was castrated. The bay was about 15-1, a thick-set, blocky Morgan model, among the early get of Black Hawk. Addison was a black horse bred by John Jackson, Brandon, and sold to Zephaniah Nearing, Orwell, near Benson, rather thick set, stout horse, not over stylish, about the average Black Hawk size, about 1100 lbs. He was quite a trotter, but never on the turf. (Wallace gives the dam Ruby, bred by Joshua Hulet, by Andrus Hambletonian, granddam s. t. b. by Brutus.) The Perry horse was an iron grey 15-2, sired by Black Hawk, bred by Wm. A. Perry, Shoreham. North Star was a bright bay horse 14-2, a perfect beauty, sired by Black Hawk, dam a brown

mare called old Brown. North Star was bred by James Frost, Shoreham, went to Pontiac, N. Y., and from there to Long Island. Boaz was a chestnut horse 15-3, 1075 lbs. He had white feet behind, strip in the face, and was very stylish. He was bred by Solon Lapham and James A. Cross, Bridport; sire, Superb; dam by Young Columbus, 2d dam, the dam of Superb, by Harris' Hambletonian. He got a splendid line of stock.

Dave Hill was a black horse, good size and elegant, bred by Oliver Russell, Shoreham; sire, Black Hawk; dam, rather a thick set bay mare full of vim, would go all day, medium fine, rather heavy mane and tail, about 15 hands and said to be English bred. Mr. Russell gave half of Dave Hill to his son-in-law, E. A. Birchard, who handled him, and as five years old sold him to a Mr. Fish for \$2000, who took him to California. He got a few colts about here that were full of courage and long-lived. In California the banker Ralston had a fast four-in-hand all by him.

Paul Clifford was a bay horse about 15 hands, thick set, with heavy neck, coarse head, rather heavy mane. He was quite a trotter.

Two Black Hawk stallions were bred by Royal Terrill of Shoreham, one black and one bay. Refer to Dr. Henry Terrill, Rutland.

Vermont, ch. h., foaled 1849, bred by Nazro Northrup, Shoreham, 15-1-4, thick set, 1000 lbs., sire Black Hawk, dam a chestnut by Hill's Sir Charles. Vermont was a good fine looking horse; went West, probably to Ohio.

Dr. Pratt is decidedly a man of brains. He is, too, a very strong believer in the Morgan horse, and says whoever takes up the matter and breeds this race for a type, using the present blood and best specimens of the family, must have a great success.

[To be continued.]

DAM OF HOTSPUR, 2:24 1-2.

In further conversation with Mr. Fred Foot, he says that he is very positive that the bay mare owned by Fred Plumley and by him taken to Boston was by Grey Eagle, son of Black Hawk. Grey Eagle was bred by Samuel P. Nash and kept by him when young. We notice in the last volume of Wallace that he does not credit this Grey Eagle with being the sire of McKesson's Grey Eagle. We hope soon to be able to give a fuller account of all these Grey Eagles descended from Black Hawk, than has ever been published.

SUNDRY LETTERS.

J. N. BAXTER, ESQ., ON BUTLER HORSE. RUTLAND, NOV. 28, 1885.

EDITOR REGISTER:—In the REGISTER of yesterday I notice letter from H. Z. Churchill, making the sire of the Butler horse Young Columbus. I also noticed in a former number where the sire was named as "old Black Hawk."

John Goodough of Pittsford is a man some where between 70 and 80 years of age, and one of the best judges of horses that I know of, and well posted in local pedigrees. He says that Ethan Allen was the sire of the Butler horse. When doctors disagree who shall decide? I take stock in Goodough. The horse was owned in Pittsford and he had better opportunity to know his breeding—in fact, as I understand it, Butler who owned the horse still lives in Pittsford. Had you not better pierce him with a few interrogatories?

When I saw the first notice giving the sireship of Black Hawk, I dropped a note to E. D. Hinds and asked him to give you his knowledge on this subject. Hinds says that Butler owned at different times three stallions, but only one of any account. Has Churchill got the right one? I guess you will find that the Butler horse proper was sired by old Ethan. I would like you to stir up the matter a little more; it is best to have it right. Suppose you drop an inquiry to John M. Goodough, Pittsford, Vt., ask him for his understanding of the matter; and also ask him if Mr. Butler, who owned the horse, is still living and to give you his address, etc. Goodough told me *very positively* that the Butler horse was sired by Ethan Allen, and the horse known as the "Churchill Horse" (owned in Chittenden, Vt.) by old Black Hawk. Both these horses, he says, were remarkably good stock getters.

Yours truly,

J. N. BAXTER.

We have written Mr. Goodough, but have, as yet, no reply. Mr. Hinds, whose letter was recently published, stated that the Butler horse was by Holabird's Ethan. We hope to get from Mr. Butler pedigree and history of all his stallions, which will straighten out the matter.

GEN. PUTNAM, GLENVIEWVILLE, MASS., DEC. 8, 1885.

EDITOR REGISTER:—Sir—Can you give me the pedigree of Gen. Putnam, he by Rollo. We have got some trotters from Gen. Putnam; one trotted in 2:24.

Yours respectfully,

J. S. McLELLAN.

Answer—Gen. Putnam was by Rollo, son of Vermont Black Hawk; dam said to be by Morgan Eagle. Dam of Rollo said to be by old St. Lawrence. Gen. Putnam was bred by Fred Leland, Middlebury, Vt. Rollo was bred by Fred Hayden, Middlebury, Vt. We expect to find breeder of the dam of Gen. Putnam.

WM. E. HALE ON HARRIS' HAMBLETONIAN. MIDDLEBURY, VT., DEC. 21, 1885.

WM. E. HALE, ESQ. Dear Sir—Will you please inform me about the horse now known as the Harris Hambletonian, formerly owned by the Eddys of Bristol, and that at one time you had care of. We want to know when he was first brought to Bristol, or Addison county; by whom, how long kept, and where; to whom sold, and when he first went into Mr. Harris' hands; in fact, all about where he was kept from the year, say, 1828 to 1840, as far as you are able to tell us.

Truly yours,

JOSEPH BATELL, NORWOOD, N. Y., DEC. 23, 1885.

MR. BATELL, Dear Sir—You ask me to tax my memory a long way back. The Harris Hambletonian horse was raised in Wallingford, Rutland county, Vt. Mr. Samuel Eddy of Bristol bought him early in the winter of 1828; then six years old past, weight about 1100 lbs.; a beautiful dapple gray; a wonderfully powerful horse with strong limbs. Said horse was kept one year in New Haven, Vt.; the second year in Salisbury, Vt.; and the third year in New Haven by Mr. Harris for Mr. Eddy. Mr. Eddy owned him

about three or four years and then sold him to Harris of New Haven. Harris kept him for a stock horse for some 12 or 15 years until he died. While Eddy owned and kept this horse there was no particular reputation for him. Trotting horses or fast horses were then almost unknown in Vermont. But as his stock matured or developed his reputation increased. His stock proved to be fast trotters; the excitement increased and when the horse was 18 years old was worth three or four times as much as he was when Eddy got him. There was a good number of stock horses of his get there in Addison county. Mr. Ezekiel Hambleton of New Haven raised and kept a nice stock horse from him, as did many others. They have all passed away. Mr. Hambleton, I think, the only one now living. He can give you more of the pedigree than any one else, and I would refer you to him for the pedigree of this horse. He must know very much more than I can, as he has been interested to know. He lives at New Haven, Vt.; postoffice, New Haven, East Mills.

Yours truly,

W. E. HALE.

Sheep Interest.

SALES OF SHEEP

RECORDED IN THE REGISTER OF THE VERMONT MERINO SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

- A. W. Maring, Mendon, Mich. to George Engle, Colon, Mich. 1 ram.
- A. Tappen, Canton, Vt. to H. A. Doten, Panton, Vt. 3 ewes and 1 ram.
- James W. Moore, Washington, O. to Hugh Stewart, Sutton, O. 1 ram; to Pat Foreacre, Salonsville, O. 1 ram.
- S. F. Downey, Sycamore, O. to W. H. Copley, Adrian, O. 1 ewe.
- F. Skinner, Greenwich, N. Y. to E. Burton, Easton, N. Y. 2 rams; to H. Wright, Greenwich, 1 ram; to A. Robinson, Cambridge, N. Y. 1 ram; to C. E. Carter, Jackson, N. Y. 1 ewe.
- H. M. Wing, Rochester, Vt. to D. E. Mills, Brandon, Vt. 4 ewes; 1 from C. G. Martin, 2 from C. E. Martin, 2 from G. W. Angell, flock and 3 from his own flock.
- E. Baldwin, Whiting, Vt. to Daniel Holmes, Vermont, 7 ewes; 3 from A. H. Hubbard, 1 from T. Brooks, flock, 1 from A. E. Hiltchell, flock and 3 from his own flock.
- James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt. to H. B. Wright, 1 ewe; 1 from his own flock and 1 from flock of H. J. Adams.
- David Croft, Arlington, Vt. to E. Johnson, Shaftsbury, Vt. 1 ram.
- W. J. Hamilton, Bridport, Vt. to L. Stedward, Weybridge, Vt. 4 ewes; 3 from R. Hemmaway, estate, 2 from his own flock, 2 from flock of G. N. Payne, 2 from flock of J. Q. Caswell & Son, 2 from flock of A. J. Towner, and 2 from flock of J. O. Hamilton.
- D. T. German, Attleboro, O. to S. Bishop, Attleboro, O. 1 ram; to J. Moore, Attleboro, O. 1 ram; to P. J. Vandervere, Omar, 1 ram.
- George Hammond, city, to Cato Hill, Johnston, O. 2 sheep.
- M. M. Hollanhead, Upper Sandusky, O. to H. Kinley, Upper Sandusky, O. 1 ram; to Robert McBeth, Upper Sandusky, O. 1 ram.
- F. S. Higbee, Pataaskala, O. to William W. Foster, O. 1 ram from flock of G. W. Whitford.
- C. B. Carter, Greenwich, N. Y. to Hiram Brownell, Cambridge, N. Y. 2 rams.
- H. H. Sheldon, Westport, N. Y. to Warren Pooler, Westport, N. Y. 1 ram.
- F. J. Woodcock, Florence, Vt. to Elmer E. Haek, Brandon, Vt. 1 ram; to Geo. Mills, Florence, Vt. 2 rams.
- Nathan Capen, Goshen, Vt. to T. A. and H. W. Sessions, Vermont, 5 sheep.
- E. B. Pond, Vermont, to J. W. Atwood, West Cornwall, Vt. 1 ram.
- B. R. Jones, Hebron, O. to W. F. Davison, Atherton, O. 1 ram.
- Caton Hill, Johnston, O. to J. C. Walser, Thornville, O. 1 ram; to Cyrus Gatton, O. 2 ewes.
- J. B. Stocker, Hadley, Mich. to S. W. Axford, Oxford, Mich. 1 ram; to Frank Smith, Hadley, Mich. 1 ram.
- C. H. and S. A. James, city, toll V. Pugsley, Pittsburgh, Mo. 10 rams, 19 from flock of W. L. Hamilton, 4 from Geo. Bruce, flock, 1 from his own flock, 4 from J. W. Huntley, flock, 12 from D. E. Wright, flock, 1 from G. C. Cady, flock, 2 from S. I. Spaulding, flock, 24 from flock of S. James, 6 from L. W. Spaulding, Jr., flock, 2 from H. M. Wing, flock, 1 from O. G. Martin, flock, 4 from C. E. Holdridge, flock and 1 from flock of C. H. James.
- D. Hawblits, O. to George Diement, Clyde, O. 60.
- M. H. Jones, Shoreham, Vt. to G. L. Vaughan, Thetford, Vt. 5 ewes.
- J. Chilson, Hanover, Mich. to William Sullivan, Hanover, Mich. 2 rams.
- F. Hooker, Cornwall, Vt. to W. B. Kingsley, Pomfret, Vt. 1 ram.
- A. E. Fuller, Woodstock, Vt. to Herbert Wood, Barnard, Vt. 1 ram.
- F. H. Eldridge, Vermont, to C. W. Mason, New Haven, Vt. 12 rams; to Beanie Barrow, Addison, Vt. 1 ram.

THE MICHIGAN BREEDERS' MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting of the Michigan Merino Sheep-Breeders' association was held at the State capitol, Detroit, December 15 and 16. Hon. John T. Rich, the president, made a lengthy address, in which he presented statistics showing the effect of the tariff act of March, 1883, upon the wool business, and drew these conclusions:

"Then judging from information obtained, the damage to wool growers by the reduction of import duties made by act of March, 1883, was only temporary, and the duty is still high enough to keep out the bulk of foreign wools which compete with the better class of wool grown in this country. But that any considerable reduction from present rates either on wool or woolsens would not only temporarily, but permanently, damage the wool-growing interest of this country there can be but little doubt, and any serious agitation of the question cannot help but be injurious. It would seem that the thing most to be desired by wool-growers and sheep-breeders on the tariff question, is to be let severely alone. The wool manufacturers would not object to a reduction on wool, provided the duty on woolsens was maintained, but it is not likely they will be instrumental in reducing the duty on wool, as any reduction in the duty on wool is sure to be accompanied by a reduction on woolsens. The wool-grower is interested equally in both, as every pound of wool imported in manufactured goods takes the place of a pound of domestic wool just as effectually as the importation of a pound of raw wool.

Whatever may be the individual opinion in regard to the desirability of having the duty on wool increased, it is absolutely impossible to obtain it; then should we not do all in our power to have the present duties on raw and manufactured wool remain unchanged?

The officers elected were: President—John T. Rich, Elba. Vice-President—H. H. Hinds, Stanton. Secretary—W. J. G. Dean, Hanover. Treasurer—J. E. Evans, Ypsilanti. Directors—L. W. Barnes, Byron; A. A. Wood, Saline; A. S. White, Kalamazoo; T. V.

Quackenbush, Plymouth; S. C. Lombard, Addison.

Pedigree Committee—D. P. Dewey, Grand Blanc; E. W. Hardy, Osceola; E. B. Welch, Paw Paw.

These resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS, The interests of wool growers, sheep breeders and the manufacturers of wool are inseparably connected so far as national legislation is concerned; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Michigan Merino Sheep Breeders' association, that we invite the earnest co-operation of sheep breeders and wool-growers' associations of the various States, the National Wool-Growers' association, the National association of Woolen Manufacturers and all others interested in the great wool industry of this country, to unite with us in all honorable means to induce Congress to maintain and strengthen if need be the barriers against the importation of cheap foreign wool and woolsens on the basis of the resolution adopted at the joint convention of wool-growers and manufacturers held in Syracuse in 1885, which read as follows:

"Resolved, That as the two branches of agriculture and manufacturing industry represented by the woolen interest involve largely the labor of the country, whose productiveness is the basis of national prosperity, sound policy requires such legislative action as shall place them on equal footing and give them equal encouragement and protection in competing with the accumulated capital and low wages of other countries."

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to cause the above resolution to be printed and a copy sent to each of the officers of the National Wool Growers' association, of the National association of Wool Manufacturers, of the various State associations of sheep breeders and wool-growers, and others who may be interested in the wool product.

THE NEW YORK BREEDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the New York State Merino Sheep-Breeders' association was held at Rochester in December. It was well attended. President Shepard, in his address, had this to say about the present condition of the business:

"We meet, it is true, at this time when the prices of sheep and wool are low, and the sheep interest greatly depressed, but we must not forget that such depressions have occurred before, and I think in 1870, or about that time, the depression was even greater. What was the effect upon the Merino sheep-breeders of that day? Did they allow the depression to discourage them from continued effort to improve their flocks? Far from it. It gave them an opportunity to secure the choicest animals at comparatively low prices to continue the improvement of their flocks; an opportunity which they eagerly availed themselves of. And the Merino breeder of to-day is reaping the benefit of their good judgment and pluck; for I am inclined to the opinion that no greater improvement has ever been made in the Merino than between that date and this. And I may add that at no time within the past thirty years has a better opportunity presented itself, not only for the improvement of Merino flocks, but for new flocks to be started.

The officers chosen were: President—C. E. Shepard, Canandaigua. Vice President—Davis Cassill, Onondaga. Secretary—J. Horatio Earl, Skaneateles. Treasurer—Howard Sherman, East Avon. Executive Committee—Peter Martin, Rush; J. D. Sullivan, Livonia Center; J. J. Brainard, Attica. Pedigree Committee—John S. Beecher, Livonia Center; E. S. Parmelee, West Bloomfield; J. R. Worthington, Allen's Hill.

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STATE OF VERMONT. District of Addison, ss. Be it remembered, that by decision of the Probate Court holden at Middlebury, within and for said District, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1885,

Present, Hon. Lyman E. Knapp, Judge. Whereas, a certain instrument in writing, under seal, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary E. Coover, late of Portland in said District, deceased, having been this day presented to said Court of Probate, and duly filed in the Probate Office; Therefore, it is ordered, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified to appear before said Court, at the Probate Office in Middlebury, in said District, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1886, at 10 o'clock, a. m., by publication of this order three weeks successively previous thereto, in the Middlebury Register, a newspaper printed at Middlebury, to show cause, if any they may have, why said instrument in writing should not be proved and allowed, as the last will and testament of the said deceased.

LYMAN E. KNAPP, Judge.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—Estate of C. H. Bowker.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Addison, Commissioners, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of C. H. Bowker, late of Orwell, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid, at the late residence of said decedent, on the 25th day of January and 10th day of June next, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of December, A. D. 1885, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Orwell, this 23d day of December, A. D. 1885.

C. E. RUSSELL, } COMMISSIONERS.
R. D. HALL, }
R. F. WHITE, }

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

GEORGE BRIGGS, } Rutland County Court,
vs. }
E. W. STEVENS, } March Term, A. D. 1885.

Notice is hereby given that I hold an execution for collection issued upon a judgment rendered by said court in the above entitled cause at the March term thereof, A. D. 1885, said execution being in damages \$223.57 and costs \$24.63 and that I have levied said execution upon a certain piece of land lying next to and southerly of the highway leading westerly from Leicester Junction, so-called, and next to and east, and southerly of the store premises located a short distance to the west of said Junction, now occupied by E. L. Matot as a store, said premises containing about one acre of land more or less, and that I will, unless said execution is in the meantime paid and satisfied, sell said premises, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution, interest and costs, at public auction to the highest bidder for the same at the said store of the said Matot on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1886, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to satisfy said execution, costs and interest in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 129 of the Session Laws of Vermont, A. D. 1884.

Dated this 23d day of December, 1885.

D. P. P. ALLEN, Sheriff.
Rutland County.

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